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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES:CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS:JOFFREY BALLET

1. IN JUNE 18, 19 TELECONS WITH CRAWFORD DEPT INFORMED THERE WILL BE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ACCOMPANYING JOFFREY BALLET. UNOFFICIAL MEMBER WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF BOARD AND HUSBANDS OF BALLET DANCERS.
2. DEPT DISCUSSED IN DETAIL LOGISTIC AS WELL POSSIBLE PERSONAL PROBLEMS ARISING WITHIN COMPANY AND ARGUED AGAINST INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS NOT OFFICIALLY INVOLVED WITH TOUR. NOT WITHSTANDING DEPT ATTEMPTS DISSUADE, CRAWFORD REITERATED THAT THERE WILL RPT WILL BE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS TRAVELLING WITH GROUP AND HE WAS SEEKING OUR ASSURANCE THAT INTOURIST WOULD FURNISH NECESSARY ACCOMMODATIONS. DURING THESE CONVERSATIONS, CRAWFORD WOULD NOT BE PINNED DOWN TO ACTUAL NUMBER HE WAS TALKING ABOUT AS QUOTE HE WAS NOT ABLE DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN ABSOLUTE NUMBERS ENDQUOTE. DEPT LEARNED AT CONCLUSION OF LENGTHY CONVERSATION JUNE 19, CRAWFORD HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH SFS GENERAL MANAGER SCAFIDI WHO ADVISED HIM AGAINST CONSIDERING TAKING ANY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WITH TROUPE. CRAWFORD'S CASUAL REFERENCE TO CONVERSATION WITH SCAFIDI SIMPLY CONFIRMED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIM THAT DEPT WAS NOT QUOTE MISLEADING HIM, BUT THAT HE

MUST DRAW ON ALL RESOURCES FOR ASSISTANCE ON THIS MATTER

ENDQUOTE.

3. DEPT SUGGESTED HE PURSUE SUBJECT WITH P AND C NALLE
AND GOSK (GOLOVIN) DURING HIS ADVANCE VISIT. IN EVENT
GOSK ABLE ASSURE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH INTOURIST DURING
CRAWFORD'S VISIT EMB MAY WISH CONSIDER DISCUSS WITH
CRAWFORD NEED FOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
PURCHASE TICKETS FOR PERFORMANCES THEY WILL BE ATTENDING
AND TOTALLY OUTSIDE OF EMB CONTRACT WITH GOSK. KISSINGER

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